

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER  
HOBART ERICKSON

**HON. JEFF DUNCAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mr. Hobart "Hobie" Erickson of Donalds, South Carolina, who has served as a first responder firefighter for over sixty-five years.

Mr. Erickson began his career as a firefighter in 1965 in New Jersey where he served for thirty years, rising to the position of Chief. In 1995, Mr. Erickson and his wife retired to Donalds, South Carolina. After being encouraged by his wife, Lois, Mr. Erickson left retirement to serve the Donalds Fire Department where he has since spent 35½ years in continued service.

In January of 2022, Mr. Erickson turned 95 years old. According to the South Carolina Firefighters Association, Mr. Erickson is the oldest of 17,000 actively serving firefighters in the state. Although he is no longer able to fight fires, Mr. Erickson is a vital member of the department where he tends to the fire trucks and answers calls for medical assistance. He attributes his health and energy to the protection of Jesus Christ and his loving wife. The younger firefighters in Donalds look up to Mr. Erickson, and he even exercises with them several hours a week. Younger firefighters gather around Mr. Erickson to hear his stories and his advice on how to treat others and how to be a successful leader.

Mr. Erickson's selfless leadership has made not only the Third District of South Carolina proud, but the entire state of South Carolina. His tireless commitment to keep his community safe and healthy for over a half of a century is something we should all aspire to have. Throughout his career, he has exemplified what it means to be a true servant leader. I am confident in the future of first responders in my district because of the example Mr. Erickson has set.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor those who have dedicated their life to service, like Mr. Erickson. I wish Mr. Erickson and his family many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING JOE HOSHAW, JR.  
EDITOR OF THE TRENTON TRIB

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Hoshaw, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Trenton Trib, where he has served as Editor and Co-Founder for over twelve years. His significant contributions and service to our community are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Hoshaw received his Bachelor of Arts in journalism from Wayne State University and specializes in publication writing and editing. He founded the Trenton Trib in 2009 in response to community concerns about the lack

of a hometown newspaper. Prior to his work at the Trenton Trib, he worked at The News-Herald Newspapers as assistant managing editor and founded HPR Media & Promotional Services LLC, where he still works today.

Mr. Hoshaw has continued to provide positive, interesting and uplifting articles on behalf of his community, demonstrating the importance of neighborhood news. Under his leadership, the Trenton Trib has become a multifaceted news organization and has delivered impactful information to the citizens of Trenton. From the latest in high school sports to breaking development news to highlighting local businesses, the Trib could always be counted on to write about the things that our neighbors cared about. Along with co-publisher Kathy Kane, they brought news to the people of Downriver. The Trenton Trib ceased publication at the end of 2021, but their impact on the community will last for years to come.

Mr. Hoshaw is a past president and 11-year member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Michigan. He is also a member of the board of directors for the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber and the Trenton Business Association. Mr. Hoshaw is known for his attention to detail and tireless enthusiasm for his community. He continues to reside in southeastern Michigan with his wife Mary, a retired teacher who taught at Lincoln Park Public Schools for nearly thirty years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joe Hoshaw, Jr. We are grateful for his years spent at the Trenton Trib, for his over four decades of dedication to the journalism in southeastern Michigan. I join with Joe's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
AND DEDICATION OF MS. LYNNE  
TELFORD

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements and dedication of Ms. Lynne Telford, the CEO of Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado. Ms. Telford is retiring after 11 years of faithful service to those in need in the Pikes Peak Region.

Since taking the reins at Care and Share Food Bank, Lynne has demonstrated steadfast leadership, not only within the Care and Share organization but across the non-profit industry in Colorado Springs.

Shortly after her start with Care and Share, Lynne identified the need for resiliency in operations. She helped to build a disaster response system during the Waldo Canyon Fire (2012), the Black Forest Fire (2013), and more recently, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thinking outside the box, Lynne helped develop a successful Direct Services branch, including Sunny Side Markets and Mobile Markets. Her goal was to reach those unable to be served by traditional food bank methods.

Additionally, Lynne established an endowment fund under the Care and Share Foundation to spin-off operating funds each year.

Care and Share Food Bank is currently opening up a third distribution center in the

San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado. This unprecedented addition will increase trucking and shipping efficiencies, getting food to those in need faster.

During her time as CEO, Care and Share more than doubled the amount of food distributed, totaling 25 million lbs. in 2021. Incredibly, revenue generation under Lynne's leadership has grown exponentially. In 2021, more than 17,000 people made a gift in support of Care and Share.

But her leadership and service to her community doesn't end there. Lynne has served on the Board of Directors for Leadership Pikes Peak (2003-2006), the Pikes Peak Library District (2004-2016), the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Board (2014-2019). In addition, she currently serves on the Colorado Food Advisory Council, the Colorado Springs City for Champions Committee, and was appointed to the Colorado State Board of Human Services in 2019 by Governor Polis.

Lynne's value to our community is undeniable. So much so that in 2020, Lynne was the recipient of the coveted United Way S. Jerrard "Jerry" Smith Community Service Award, an award presented annually to an individual whose involvement in public policy and civic issues led to the growth and betterment of the Pikes Peak region.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring Lynne Telford and her legacy of kindness, creative thinking, and hard work that will transcend generations to come. Lynne's service to her community has provided many homes in Colorado's 5th Congressional District with a warm, dignified meal. I congratulate and thank Lynne for her many accomplishments and wish her the very best in her next adventure.

HONORING WALLACE JAY NELSON,  
JR.

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of my longtime dear friend Wallace Jay "Wally" Nelson, Jr. of Blacksburg, Virginia, who passed away on January 28, 2022.

Wally was a native Virginian and a graduate of Emory & Henry College, where he and I were roommates. While there he studied economics and went on to receive his master's degree in business from the University of Virginia.

Wally started his professional career at Burlington Industries. He worked hard and gave his all, earning the spot as the youngest-ever plant supervisor. His time there helped pave the way for the rest of his career in the commercial insurance industry, where he worked for more than three decades. He most recently served as the Vice President of SIA Group.

His life was evidence of his commitment to the improvement of the communities in southwest Virginia. He cared deeply for all people and was greatly involved in public service. Over the years, he was an active Republican that aided in fundraising efforts for numerous political candidates. He also served with the Blacksburg Partnership, Junior Achievement,

and the Roanoke Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president of the group's recruitment division. He also served as a co-chair for the New River Valley Rail 2020 to lead the effort to expand the passenger rail service.

Wally lived to serve and care for others. He prospered in any situation that allowed him to unite and care for others—he never met a stranger. But most of all, he adored his family. His humble giving heart, hard-working nature, and steadfast faith are just some of the most notable characteristics that defined the kind of man Wally was.

Wally was preceded in death by his loving parents, Wallace and Helen Nelson. He is survived by his cherished wife Heather; children Crandall Murphy and husband Shannon, Wallace Jay Nelson III and wife Tory, Krystine Hammerle and husband Ryan, Katherine Nelson and Ben Stovall; grandchildren Jackson and Paige Nelson, as well as many other beloved extended family and friends.

A man whose legacy and love for family, neighbors, and community will long be remembered. Wally was a dear friend that will be greatly missed. I am honored to pay tribute to Wally's life. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. WILLIE LEE MOSES

#### HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Willie Lee Moses, a constituent of mine and a woman known to her community as the "Mayor of Good Hope." The dedication that Mrs. Moses has to her community has made a profound difference in the Inland Empire, and it is my honor to recognize her work.

The impact of Mrs. Moses' work is difficult to overstate. Born in northern Louisiana, Mrs. Moses and her husband settled in Perris in 1957 and immediately became active members of their community. Besides being a mother of five and an employee of Perris School District for over two decades, Mrs. Moses was also elected as the president of multiple Parent Teacher Associations at various schools and served in union leadership as a job steward for fellow school district employees. An avid organizer, Mrs. Moses ran voter registration drives, worked on political campaigns, and was a leader in the area's first Human Relations Commission, which worked to facilitate dialogue on race relations among the community of Perris Valley. The Moses Schaffer Community Center now bears her name, recognizing the tireless work she did in support of the construction of critical infrastructure that enabled her city to thrive.

Mrs. Moses' generosity is well-known in the City of Perris. For 35 years, Mrs. Moses coordinated a free food program to ensure that low-income seniors always had resources to turn to. Over the decades, her family room has served as a gathering place for friends and neighbors, including the many years that she hosted meals for those stationed at the March Air Reserve Base with nowhere to go

for the holidays. Her tireless work emulates her trailblazing spirit—she was often the first African American in the leadership positions she took on, and her commitment to civil rights and civic duty has forever changed the Inland Empire community for the better.

Mrs. Moses has done more for her community in her 100 years than many could achieve in several lifetimes. It is with gratitude that I wish her a very happy birthday and thank her for her leadership and vision. Her example has set a high bar for all of us in public service, and I am honored to have her in our community.

#### HONORING PETER STEC FOR ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S HIGHEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS RANK, EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter Stec for his exceptional community service that has earned him the rank of Eagle Scout.

Peter has been involved with the Scouts for many years and, through perseverance and hard work, has become the Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scouts of America Troop 6016 in Queensbury, New York. Peter has dedicated his time in the Scouts to the well-being of the community of Queensbury, culminating in his Eagle Scout community service project.

For his Eagle Scout project, Peter created a COVID-19 memorial garden recognizing Warren County residents who passed away during the pandemic. Peter built benches and planted trees and shrubs along the Warren County bike path in Queensbury. The COVID-19 memorial garden creates a space for Warren County residents to sit and reflect on those they have loved and lost. Peter's project exemplifies his deep commitment to improving his community.

Peter's dedication to his community is evident not only in his Eagle Scout achievement, but also in his engagement in music, arts, and school. Peter is an exemplary student who is also an accomplished musician in his school's jazz band and has had his artwork displayed in the Saratoga National Racing Museum.

Rising through the ranks to Eagle Scout requires dedication and perseverance, and Peter stands as an exemplar of that fact. His work is a strong indication of his exceptional leadership skills and commitment to service.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to thank Peter for his contributions to the community and congratulate him on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. It is so important, now more than ever, that our youth learn the values of service to the community and nation. I am excited to see where Peter's bright future takes him.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF HOPE CAHILL

#### HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Hope Cahill of El Do-

rado Community School in Santa Fe for her incredible commitment to New Mexico's children, schools, and community.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently awarded Ms. Cahill the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The award program is administered by NSF on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to recognize the invaluable contributions of exceptional K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science teachers. It is the highest honor our nation can bestow to a math or science teacher.

Ms. Cahill, a 25-year resident of New Mexico, serves as an inspiration to not only her students but to her entire community with her dedication to the next generation of our nation's future leaders. She has received numerous other awards including the Teachers Who Inspire Award from the Santa Fe Partners in Education Foundation. She is also well known for her ability to incorporate writing and communication skills into her curriculum and for her work to inspire girls to pursue STEM education.

Describing teaching as a calling, not a profession, Ms. Cahill says that she wanted to be a teacher since she was a child and loves the way that science has the ability to engage her students. She of course incorporates New Mexico's incredible landscapes and geology into her lessons to excite students about both the beauty of science and the land of enchantment. Selflessly, Ms. Cahill extends credit and thanks to her colleagues, administrators, and family and professes that her greatest accomplishments are the students that she has "hooked" into science.

Ms. Cahill is a shining example of the passion and dedication that define our great state, and we are proud that she calls New Mexico home. I offer my congratulations to Ms. Miranda and thank her from the bottom of my heart for her contributions to the future of New Mexico—our youth.

#### ACKNOWLEDGING THE MOUNT LAUREL CUB SCOUT PACK 15

#### HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and dedication shown by the Mount Laurel Cub Scout Pack 15.

During the holiday season, Pack 15 partnered with BookSmiles, a 501(c)(3) organization that collects and distributes books throughout New Jersey and the Greater Philadelphia area and have been serving our communities since September 2017. As a result of their efforts, Pack 15 collected more than 7,000 books—the largest single day book collection in BookSmiles's history.

I commend every member of Cub Scout Pack 15, their leaders Jeffrey A. Shaman and Daniel Pelaez, and the entire team at BookSmiles for accomplishing something that will benefit children, students, teachers, and parents throughout our community.